



Nursery News

February 2021



What's Been Happening?



This month the children have been getting settled back into nursery after the winter holidays. Busy bee's and Honey bees have been enhancing their new rooms and settling into them. The children in Busy bee's have been making the most of the free flowing play into the garden!

The children celebrated 'World Braille Day' at the start of the month as well as 'Winnie the Pooh Day!', there was lots of exciting activities and tuff trays being explored! The younger rooms especially loved celebrating 'Penguin day' with lots of water and ice play with our small world penguins.

As we entered into another lockdown the staff have been ensuring that the children's wellbeing and mindfulness are at the forefront of their minds.

The staff have been ensuring the children are feeling as calm and happy as they can at this uncertain time; we have had lots of meditation and yoga, calming water play and sensory activities, as well as lots of cuddles and happy smiles too!

Please check out the blog for latest pictures of events at

<http://blog.honeypotnursery.co.uk>

Coming up this Month

This month we will be celebrating and learning about:

LGBT History month

Big schools birdwatch continues

1st - Storytelling week continues

1st - Children's mental health week

2nd - Candlemas

4th - Rosa Parks day & Time to Talk day



5th - NSPCC number day

7th - Charles Dickens' birthday

8th - Sign2sing week

9th - Safer internet day

11th - International day of women & girls in science.

12th - Chinese New year begins - This year is year of the ox!

14th - International book giving day, Random acts of kindness week begins & Valentine's day

15th - Parinirvana day - A buddhist holiday which commemorates the death of Buddha.

16th - Pancake day/Shrove Tuesday

17th - Ash Wednesday/Lent begins

20th - Love your pet day

21st - International mother language day

25th - Purim - A Jewish festival celebrating deliverance

Please be aware if your child attends nursery on a funded hours only basis, they will not attend nursery on the week commencing 15th February.



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Room News (Baby Bees)



Baby Bees have been engaging in lots of messy play activities! They explored coloured ice & penguins for penguin day, painted with sticks for Lohri which is a Punjabi festival of the winter solstice.

The children also enjoyed exploring coloured spaghetti and cocoa powder with the animals. We also welcomed a new friend Leo to the room!

Room News (Honey Bees)



Honey bees have had a very exciting month! They have enjoyed exploring their new room & exploring the new areas & resources. They have celebrated lots of activities including a themed messy play for Winnie the pooh day & penguin day. They have also been showing interest in different occupations & enjoyed doing some role play to link with this.

Room News (Busy Bees)



Busy bees have been very busy exploring their new room and enhancing their home corner! Busy bees have been engaging in lots of loose parts play and have created some marvelous pieces. The children have been having a go of cooking this month, making a very tasty pasta dish, discussing all the healthy ingredients!

Room News (Preschool)



Preschool have been focusing a lot this month on the children's well being and mindfulness. We have been talking about our feelings and emotions. We have had a few baking sessions as the children have spoke about being happy when they make (and eat!) cake. Preschool have been really interested in 'Ghostbusters' this month and we even made our own ghost trap! We have also welcomed Anthony to our Preschool team !



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Birthdays

Baby Bees:

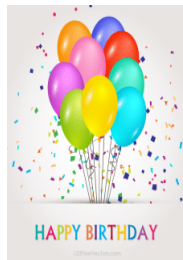
Evelyn's birthday is on the 14th

Busy Bees:

Samuel P's birthday is on the 1st

Theo's birthday is on the 11th

Reuben's birthday is on the 13th



Worker Bees

Joel's birthday is on the 8th

Leila's birthday is on the 15th

Charlotte En's birthday is on the 26th

Staff Information

We would like to extend a big welcome to our new staff member Anthony, who will be based in our pre-school room. We are very excited to have him working with us as are the children!

We temporarily said goodbye to Abbie who is on furlough leave due to the increased risks she could face during pregnancy due to covid-19. We do hope that the current situation improves & we are able to see her before the baby arrives!

Staff Holidays

Rebecca- 4th

Sarah - 8th

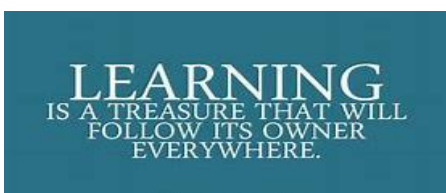
Zahra - 11th & 25th

Frankie - w/c 15th

Staff Training

Nicole, Abbie & Zahra continue to study for their level 3 qualification & Chloe, Caitlin, Ronnie & Rebecca continue to study for their level 2 qualification. Ronnie will soon be signed up to study her childcare qualification.

Our whole staff team will be accessing a variety of online training as well as monthly training on upcoming changes to the eyfs.



Children's Progress

MOST RECENT DATA ANALYSIS OCTOBER 2020

After recently analysing children's progress, we have decided to focus on the following areas:

'Number', 'Health and Self-care', 'People and Communities' and 'Being imaginative'.

We have recently updated an action of plan of what we intend to implement in order to support the children in progressing further.

OUR NEXT ANALYSIS WILL BE FEBRUARY 2021!!

Employee of the month

Chloe K

Chloe is a very valued member of the team who always goes above and beyond for her children and their parents. Chloe has a fantastic relationship with her key children and is always providing exciting and stimulating activities for them to explore. Chloe is working very hard towards her childcare qualification and is always there to help and support the team. Well Done

Chloe x



Room of the month

Honey Bees

Honey bees have been working tirelessly in adapting and settling the children into their new room. The room always has a happy and calm atmosphere and the environment is so inviting for the children to go off and investigate and explore. There are always exciting activities and lots of messy play going on in this room and the staff have fantastic relationships with their children.



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Message from central support

Due to feedback received from staff and parents we have been looking for alternative childcare software to replace eyLog. Although eyLog has provided us with lots of benefits we have found that some aspects of it don't meet our needs and the needs of our parents. We have spent time researching a system which we feel will be more beneficial and have opted to change to Family. This change won't happen immediately. Our core team are currently spending time on getting it ready for a smooth transition which we will happen in March. There is nothing you need to do at the moment and when the transfer is happening you will receive an email to sign up to Family. We hope that you find this system more useful and we encourage you to give us your feedback once it's up and running. If you are interested in finding out more in preparation for the switch there is guidance for parents here <https://community.family.co/hc/en-gb/articles/360002078477-Parents-get-the-most-out-of-Family->

Reminders & Other News

* An eco-schools meeting was recently held by Sarah-Louise. It was only a small turnout via zoom but it was lovely to gain parents feedback on the eco-schools award & contribute their ideas also. If you were unable to attend the meeting, Sarah-Louise posted the minutes of the meeting on our parent facebook page. If you would like any further information on eco-schools, please contact Sarah-Louise.

* Please remember that if your child is eligible for 30 hours it is important to renew your code every three months, failure to do so can result in losing your funding entitlement.

* We have a parent's group on Facebook, please search **Honey Pot Aighurth Parents** to request to join. Staff are sharing lots of ideas & challenges! Also don't forget to follow Honey Pot's main social media pages too for lots of ideas & updates.

* **Extra sessions** - Please be aware that when booking any extra/additional sessions for your child/ren, they must be paid for in advance of the session.

* **Late collection** - Please be aware that morning sessions finish at 1pm and afternoon and full day sessions finish by 6pm. Please ensure you are collecting your children on time or you may be likely to incur a late collection charge.

Other Information

**** Just a reminder to be aware of the measures that are in place at nursery due to covid-19:**

* All parents must wear a mask when dropping up and picking up their children (Unless exempt) & use the one way system, the children will wash their hands upon arrival, have their temperature checked (Unless parents have stated otherwise) and be taken to their play rooms by a member of staff.

* To limit the time spent in contact with staff at the front door, handovers to parents will be strictly limited, staff will send out messages/diaries on eylog or call you if they wish to discuss anything with you or pass more information on.

* We encourage parents to post an observation via eylog or ring through to your child/ren's room if you wish to speak to a member of staff/pass on information, please be aware that staff do not see the messages section of eylog.

* In addition to this, please remember that children's accident forms & medication forms are completed on eylog; if your child has an accident in nursery you will get a notification.

* Please remember it is highly important to inform staff if your child has had any medicine or accidents prior to nursery, you can do this via eylog, informing the staff on handover or by calling the nursery.

* As per our covid-19 policy, we will not be administering calpol to children in nursery, this is due to a high temperature being a covid symptom & calpol could mask this symptom.



Fatima, Sarah & the Aighurth team

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